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ICA elects new board members at AGM

Established in 1841, the ICA is the world's leading international cotton trade association and arbitral body. The results of elections for the ICA President, First Vice, Second Vice and Directors were announced at the Association's Annual General Meeting held on 10th December 2009 at Liverpool, UK.

Mr. Cliff White (Senior Vice President - Marketing, Olam/Queensland Cotton Group) takes on the role of President. Cliff will be supported by Mr. Ray Butler (Director, Cotton Outlook) as First-Vice and Mr. Antonio Esteve (CEO, Ecom Cotton Group) as Second-Vice.

New to the Board are Mr. Vinay Kotak (Kotak & Co), Mr. Joe Nicosia (Allenberg Cotton Co) and Mr. Jordan Lea (Eastern Trading Co), who have been elected to serve as Ordinary Directors. Mr. Pat-Nie Woo Central Textiles Hong Kong Ltd) has been appointed to represent the common



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interests of the Far Eastern cotton industry, Mr. Takashi Shimazaki (Toyoshima & Co Ltd) will represent the common interests of the Japanese cotton industry and Mr. Ertugrul Tanriverdi (Ensar Tekstil Sanayi ve Ticaret AS) will represent the common interests of the Turkish cotton Industry.

Now comprising of 22 members, representing 12 countries, the new ICA Board line-up is the most internationally represented that the Association has had in its 169-year history.

Based in Dallas, USA, Cliff has worked for 32 years in the raw cotton market in a career that has taken him to all corners of the globe - including extensive experience in Asia, Australia, Hong Kong, Tanzania, Turkey and the United States. He began his career in 1976 with Ralli Bros & Coney (now Cargill Cotton), based in Liverpool, UK. In 1991 he joined Queensland Cotton and was responsible for the buying and selling of the company's Australian, US and Brazilian cotton. In May 2007 he moved to the United States as Senior Vice President - Marketing for the Olam / Queensland Cotton Group, where he is responsible for the continuing expansion of the companies US and Brazilian cotton business. Cliff is past Chairman of the Australian Cotton Shippers Association and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Two industrialists appointed on the Board of Directors of Pakistan Textile City Limited

Renowned business leaders and industrialists Zubair Motiwala and Nisar Sheikhani have been appointed on the Board of Directors of Pakistan Textile City Limited.

Pakistan Textile City Limited, a public-private joint-venture corporation is developing the first dedicated industrial zone at Port Qasim for the textile industry offering internationally compliant infrastructure. Work on 20 MGD water pipeline, 250 captive MW power plant, road network, designing of effluent treatment plant and administration building is in progress while the project is expected to be offered for booking of industrial plots soon.

Zubair Motiwala, advisor to the Chief Minister of Sindh for provincial investment is a well-known leading business and industry figure of Pakistan. He is also Ex-President of Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Former Chairman APTMA, Chairman Ministry of Textile Committee on Reducing Cost of Doing Business in Textile & Clothing Sector, Chairman SITE Association of Industry, Chairman Council of Karachi's Industrial Association and is part of board of several other leading organizations.

Nisar Shekhani, former Chairman of All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association (APTPMA), and Sindh Industrial Trading Estate (SITE), is a leading textile industrialist known for his contributions to the value-added textile sector. He also serves as Chairman of Razak Silk Mill (Pvt.) Ltd. ♦

Rieter Award 2009 – an international award for future textile professionals

The Rieter Award has been presented annually since 1989 to students and young professionals in the field of textile engineering. Rieter has created the Rieter Award to support the textile education facilities to train and to promote young people. Furthermore the Award creates a global communication between students, institutes and Rieter Textile Systems.

The Award winners are selected in close cooperation with universities and professors worldwide. Those chosen are students and young professionals in the field of textile engineering who have distinguished themselves through soundly based academic work and great commitment. A good knowledge of English is a prerequisite for nomination to receive a Rieter Award. The winners are invited to travel to Switzerland to present their graduation thesis in Winterthur.

The four Rieter Award Winners in 2009 are: Mr. Ajit Singh (India), Mr. Caio Sado (Brazil), Mr. Saidur Rahman (Bangladesh) and Mr. Bakhriddin Turakulov (Kazakhstan).

The 21st Rieter Award Week was held from September 28th to October 3rd. The winners gained an insight into Rieter's world during a week's stay in Switzerland. On the program were visits to several textile production companies and to some famous tourist attractions. The Award Week is an unforgettable experience not only for the students, but also for the Rieter staff taking part.



From left to right: Andrea Ott (Rieter), Peter Illi (Rieter), Mr. Ajit Singh (India), Mr. Caio Amaral Sado (Brazil), Reto Thom (Rieter), Erwin Wüthrich (Rieter).

The Rieter Award was brought into being to help young specialists in their transition to the professional world and to establish worldwide contacts. Many of the friendships made during this week last a lifetime. Developing and encouraging young specialists is a tradition at Rieter - over 100 Award winners can confirm this tradition.